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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER

- AZEREDO DA SILVERIA ON KOREA

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO  
FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR ANTONIO:

OUR TALKS LAST MONTH IN NEW YORK WERE VERY USEFUL, AND I  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 16 SETTING FURTHER  
VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON WAYS WE MIGHT STRENGTHEN OUR  
BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. I WILL BE RESPONDING ON THIS  
SHORTLY. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE JUST BEGUN AN  
IMPORTANT OFFICIAL TRIP TO EUROPE AND I HOPE YOU ARE  
SUCCESSFUL IN ACCOMPLISHING YOUR OBJECTIVES.

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I AM WRITING TO YOU NOW ABOUT THE KOREAN ITEM IN THE 30TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON THE AGENDA THIS YEAR AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED. THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF THE DEBATE WILL BE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE PENINSULA. I RECOGNIZE THAT MANY UN MEMBERS BELIEVE - AND

THE UNITED STATES AGREES - THAT IT IS TIME TO TERMINATE THE UN COMMAND. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY PROPOSAL TO TERMINATE THE COMMAND WHICH FAILS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING VALIDITY OF THE ARMISTICE IN KEEPING THE PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONTINUED STABILITY IN THE AREA AND THE INTEREST OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY IN THIS STABILITY MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TAKE RESPONSIBLE ACTION IN THIS DEBATE.

THE RESOLUTION WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS JOINED IN COSPONSORING IS DESIGNED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO PREVIOUS UN DECISIONS ON THE KOREAN ISSUE AND TO THE NEEDS FOR MAINTAINING PEACE ON THE PENINSULA. IT PROVIDES FOR TERMINATION OF THE UN COMMAND. IT DOES THIS WITHOUT UPSETTING THE PRINCIPAL MECHANISM FOR MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN KOREA, THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF 1953, BECAUSE IT MAKES CLEAR THAT THE UN COMMAND, AS SIGNATORY TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, CAN BE REPLACED ONLY WHEN A SUBSTITUTE MECHANISM FOR MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE IS AGREED BY ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED. THE RESOLUTION RESPONDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S ENDORSEMENT IN THE CONSENSUS RESOLUTION OF 1973, REAFFIRMED LAST YEAR, OF TALKS BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA BY CALLING FOR A CONFERENCE BETWEEN ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED WITH THE ARMISTICE WHICH INCLUDES SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA, THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA. IT FORESEES A CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD FIRST PROVIDE NEW MECHANISMS FOR MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE BUT WHICH COULD THEN GO ON TO CONSIDER MORE LASTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR REDUCING TENSIONS ON THE PENINSULA.

THE RESOLUTION PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF NORTH KOREA DOES  
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NOT RESPOND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS BECAUSE IT CALLS FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE "REAL PARTIES" WHICH NORTH KOREA IDENTIFIES AS THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA, EXCLUDING SOUTH KOREA WHICH IS AN ESSENTIAL PARTY TO ANY SUCH AGREEMENT. IT CALLS FOR REMOVING THE UN COMMAND WITHOUT ANY PROVISION FOR MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE MECHANISM WHILE DISCUSSIONS OF A "PEACE AGREEMENT" PROCEED. THE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR

WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS "UNDER THE UN FLAG" WHICH NORTH KOREA MAKES CLEAR ARE U.S. TROOPS IN KOREA. THESE TROOPS ARE IN KOREA UNDER A U.S.-ROK BILATERAL AGREEMENT AT THE INVITATION OF THE ROK. NORTH KOREA, I NOTE, MAINTAINS TREATIES OF MUTUAL DEFENSE WITH BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PRC.

THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO INSTABILITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, IS BLATANTLY ONESIDED IN IGNORING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND INTERFERES IN AN IMPORTANT U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE ROK. BECAUSE OF THE VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES I HOPE YOU WILL INSTRUCT YOUR DELEGATION IN NEW YORK TO VOTE AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION. I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT BRAZIL HAS PROMISED US ON OUR RESOLUTION AND ON THE PROCEDURAL PROBLEM.

CHARGE JOHNSON HAS DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT RECENTLY WITH SECRETARY GENERAL GUERREIRO. IF FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THESE TWO RESOLUTIONS WOULD BE HELPFUL, HE WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH ANY OFFICIAL YOU MAY DESIGNATE. WARM REGARDS, HENRY.

END TEXT.

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